

AP Passing Rates

The percentage of Advanced Placement exams taken at U.S. public schools in all subjects that registered scores of 3, 4, or 5 out of 5 has dipped over the past four years, both for the nation as a whole and for all racial and ethnic categories, except among Asian-Americans.

	Black or African-American	Asian, Asian-American, or Pacific Islander	Mexican or Mexican-American, Puerto Rican, Other Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	American Indian or Alaska Native	White	Other/ Not Stated	National Total
2004 Total Exams	78,483	215,186	182,258	6,867	992,069	92,396	1,567,259
% Scoring 3-5	29.21%	63.26%	48.40%	44.39%	63.61%	58.55%	59.69%
2005 Total Exams	80,444	213,828	179,828	6,891	984,405	85,079	1,550,475
% Scoring 3,-5	27.82%	63.28%	46.53%	42.61%	63.31%	58.21%	59.15%
2006 Total Exams	94,556	241,692	204,113	7,953	1,046,590	96,095	1,690,999
% Scoring 3-5	26.66%	63.11%	45.07%	43.67%	62.40%	56.89%	58.01%
2007 Total Exams	113,590	277,376	240,478	8,970	1,198,053	118,957	1,957,424
% Scoring 3-5	25.36%	63.39%	42.89%	42.11%	62.04%	55.64%	57.27%
Four-year change*	-3.85	0.14	-5.52	-2.28	-1.57	-2.92	-2.42

*Percentage-point difference in passing rates from 2004 to 2007

SOURCE: The College Board